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- not be returning until late May.
- 2. As you know, we did, at your request, extend an invitation to Dr. BRUECKNER to visit CATHINK some time ago. For various reasons - first the PETERS affair and more recently a death in his immediate family - we have been unable to set a firm date. Although ERUECKNER did express some interest, albeit mild, in visiting CATHINY personally, he emphasized that it would be of far greater interest for ris key officials in the Auswehrtung (evaluation) Referat to have the benefit of acquainting themselves with CATHINK, its product and services.
- For this reason we must admit we have not especially pushed this visit to CATHINK, for we predict with fair certainty that the result will be (a) continuous requests from the SG to have representatives of their Auswehrtung Referat visit CATHINK to debrief CATHINK sources, and (b) a strong plea that the SQ be furnished with copies of EGIS machine runs. We do not believe we are ready to commit ourselves on either count at this stage. As a case in point we cite the recent visit to CATHINK of Herr SCHMEIDER (per ECFT 5594) and the SC request to us that they be given a copy of the Rostock and similar machine runs which they had seen at CATHINK. (Incidentally, we were aware of SCHNEIDER's intent in visiting CATHINK, as we are in every case, and did indeed point this out in cable-note traffic.)
- 4. We are specifically emphasizing the SC's interest in CATHINK in support of its evaluation functions. As far as the SG's investigative functions are concerned, there has never been a question of SG access to CATHINK sources and we foresee no problem in the future. Of lace, however, the SG is viewing CATHINK not only as a source of information in support of executive-action cases but also as a source of information on the EGIS in general to be fed into its holdings in the Auswehrtung Referat and support the SG evaluation functions. The SG's Auswehrtung responsibility, it should be understood, extends to all police agencies throughout the Federal Republic; thus information held in the SG Auswehrtung files will be released to any local police authority upon request. In general, we question the value of the extensive independent Auswehrtung effort of the SG. this us it may, the SC contends that as a police agency it cannot depend on

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security/intelligence services (3fV, LfV's, etc.) for traces and background information, since in many instances information thus received does not lend itself to be used as supporting evidence in executive-action cases. For this reason the SG feels it must develop its own repository of information on opposition services, M/O, targets, personalities, etc.

- 5. We had heard from the SC that Col. LUTLINS on behalf of the 513th had invited Dr. BRUECKNER to visit Camp King with several of his key officials. Dr. FRUECKNER declined, but he is sending the Herren PAAR, chief of the Auswehrtung Referat; BUERGER, PAAR's deputy; and SCHUETZ, chief of the Ermittlungs Referat. The group will be accompanied by Major Charles GRAVES, ID/USAREUR liaison officer at UCA. The Germans will be housed, wined and dined in Frankfurt on 20 April and will visit Camp King on 21 April. About a year ago Lt. Col. NOLITE, CRAVES' predecessor, took PAAR and BJERGER on a similar junket to Stuttgart and Heidelberg which included a visit to Central Registry. We have stressed with the SG the fact that this is an ODINEX-sponsored visit and, although a short briefing on CATHINK by LATRASH, its chief and KUBANK representative, will be included, this visit is not connected with our standing invitation to Dr. BRUECKNER or anyone else to visit CATHINK.
- 6. We look forward to your comments regarding SG reaction to your briefing. May we suggest that for the time being, should the subject come up, you stress closer BfV/SG cooperation as far as CATHINK is concerned in favor of direct SG participation and access. Again we emphasize the SG's interest from an evaluation standpoint (and this is the primary interest of the SG guests PAAR and BUERGER), since the SG's interest in CATHINK in support of its investigative responsibility is unchallenged and presents no problems.

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